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4 May 2022 Meeting - Past Presidents Day



Meeting Called to order at 1:03PM

#### Attendees:

P Bernard Lee PDG Y.K. Cheng DGE Norman Lee PP Rudy Law PP Jonathan Lamport PP Henry Chan PP William Wong PP George Leung

PP Andrew Chen PP Tim Lui PP Eddy Wong PP Hubert Chan PP Stacy Ho IPP Leo Yu

PE Rico Fung Rtn Freddy Wu Rtn John Yau Rtn Vagman Wai **Rtn Peter Yeung** 

President Bernard welcomed everybody to the Meeting. He indicated that it was a tradition of our Club that once a year, our Past Presidents be invited to run a luncheon meeting ! There was no better day than 'today', since we were resuming our physical meetings after 4 months



of virtual meetings. 'So happy to see all of you here' !

He then invited Past President George Leung to conduct the meeting. Past President George assumed the Club President's seat and remarked that he was happy to be the acting Club President. He had put together a team for this purpose :

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST 香港東區扶輪社週報 Club 16340 District 3450 Chartered on 06 April, 1954 by Charter President PDG (Uncle) John Yuen

**OFFICERS** 

President Bernard Lee

Hon. Secretary Rico Funa

Hon. Treasurer John Poon

DIRECTORS **Club Administration** PP Andy Wong

Fellowship Rtn. Kevin Leung

International Service Rtn. Mofiz Chan

Membership PP William Wong

**Membership Chair** PP Eddy Wong

**Service Projects** PP Stacy Ho

Youth Service PP Gilbert Fung

**Public Image Chair** PP Nancy Yee

**Community Service Chair** Christopher Wang

**Foundation Chair** PP David Li

PP Council Rep. George Leung

EX-OFFICIO IPP Leo Yu

#### CLUB ADVISORS

PDG YK Cheng DGE Norman Lee PP Andrew Chen PP Tim Lui PP Henry Chan PP Hubert Chan PP George Leung PP David Li PP Rudy Law Rtn Freddy Wu

Club President : Club Secretary : Sergeant at Arms : Rotary Information : IPP Leo Yu

PP George Leung PP Eddy Wong PP Rudy Law

Announcement : Speaker : Vote of thanks :

He asked President Bernard & Hon. Sec. Rico to sit back and relax, and enjoy their lunches! He declared the meeting open, and welcomed "all of us" back. Yes, 'welcome back' would apply to all of us. We had been meeting via zoom, and we were anxious to meet each other again in person.

We had only one birthday boy : John Yao, and his birthday was to be on 11 May. Birthday song and cake cutting, of course.

DGE Norman updated us on the following :

- 1. The District Training Assembly: Plenary Session on Saturday 14 May morning; Breakout Sessions on Wednesday 11 May evening. Get ready!
- 2. The 62nd District Conference scheduled for 28 & 29 May 2022 at the Nina Hotel, Tsuen Wan. Registration had since been closed due to "full house". For statutory social distancing requirements, there would be no Conference banquet. The RI President's Personal Rep is RI Director Nominee Chew Ghim Bok of Singapore (RI District 3310). He would participate via zoom.

Imparting Rotary Information at each regular meeting is a tradition of our Club. IPP Leo Yu spoke on Virtual Rotary Exchange (VRE), and the pilot exchange between our Club & the Rotary Club of Penang now in progress. More to follow.

PP Rudy Law reported on the Sergeant's intake, which amounted to HK\$3,200.00 ! Many members including Past President George gave generously for "returning to physical meeting", and \$800 from PDG Y.K. for not having paid the Sergeant in the last 4 months, because he did not use Payme nor Alipay.

Past President George gave a preview of the remaining programs for this Rotary year. We would have 3 more meetings, before the new Rotary year starts:

- 1. 18 May : Youth program. Our Rotaractors would speak;
- 2. 1 June : the 4th and final Club Assembly of the year. President Elect Rico Fung would tell us his plans for 2022-23;
- 3. The last meeting of the year would be on 15 June. President Bernard and his team would "wrap it up".

PP George introduced PDG Y.K. Cheng who needed no introduction ! Y.K.'s topic today was "Re-zoning".

PP Tim Lui gave a vote of thanks. Our Club was fortunate to have first hand information on District issues. Re-zoning could be a very interesting yet controversial topic. Members were encouraged to keep track of its development.

That completed the business of the day. Before returning the meeting to President Bernard, Past President George asked



DGE Norman Lee

PDG Y.K. Cheng

PP Tim Lui







everyone to be upstanding and drink a toast to Rotary International coupled with the name Hong Kong Island East. He declared the meeting closed.

Thank you Past President George, and all acting PPs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

## Rotary Information - Sharing from PDG Y.K. Cheng

The topic PDG Y.K. shared with us was "Re-zoning".

RI is composed of some 530 Districts organized into 34 Zones. 34 & 17 are magic numbers since the RI Board of Directors is composed of "17 + 3" members.

RI D-3450 together with the 12 Taiwan Districts constitute Zone 9. Rotary has grown very fast and strong in Taiwan in the last 40 years. We are now overly dwarfed by Taiwan.

RI undertakes a major comprehensive review of Zone composition every 8 years. Last time was 2017. The next is about to start.

Many senior members here were keen to joining Zone 10 now consisting of Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia & Thailand.

District wide consultation sessions are likely to be held in 2022-23. D-3450 would at the same time maintain a dialogue with RI Headquarters.

To change or not to change : there are pros and cons, which had to be carefully managed.

Y.K. had acceded to the PDG Council's invitation to plan this consultation effort. This is not an easy assignment. The last time a District wide consultation was held was for accepting the "ballot by mail exercise for selection of district governor" 4 years ago.

The presentation also included history of Rotary in this part of world, our relationship with Taiwan, and the way forward.

There were 2 old 'The Rotarian' articles which members shown interest:

Hong Kong Has Twin – October 1954; 75 Years of Rotary in China – February 1994.

So this was a heads up on the background against which this topic would be raised next Rotary year.

This topic generated interesting response from members. Several of our Past Presidents spoke. The message was "be careful" if we were to change Zones, given the plus and minus involved, and that we must not be drawn excessively into politics, since our primary mission was fellowship and service. Hong Kong & Macau's influence in the geographical region was also discussed and we all need to act with prudence.





## 12 May, 2022 - Visit to Hong Kong Harbour

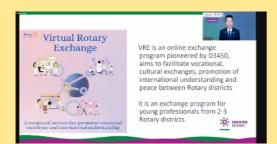
It is our plan to visit our daughter clubs to reconnect with them regularly, and we visited RC of HK Harbour on 12 May 2022. P Bernard, DGE Norman, PP William and PE Rico were present.

Mr. Kenneth Fok was the speaker. The meeting was well received. P Sam presented their club flag to us.



#### **District Training Assembly 2022-23**





RCHKIE will be serving in IDG Norman's year, including PDG Y.K., IPP Leo, PP Eddy and PP David.

After the break, the Presidents Elect voted for the resolution on the adoption of the District budget for the 2022-23 Rotary. Afterwards, information on Rotaract, District Awards, Online Academy and Global Regards were presented.

District Training Assembly for Rotary Year 2022-23 was held online on 11 May 2022 and May 14, 2022. All of our incoming directors attended the meeting.

On the first day, DTA Chair Cassy Cheng, DG Keith Chow and IDG Norman opened the meeting. 10 breakout sessions proceeded simultaneously - they were Membership, TRF, Public Image, DEI, Health, Vocational Service, Community Service, Youth, PPE and Club Administration respectively. Each breakout session was summarized at the end, before IDG Norman closed the meeting.

On the second day, IDG Norman presented the RI Theme and District focus for Rotary Year 2022-23, after the Keynote Speech by PDG Nuno Jorge. ICDS Natalie Kwok introduced members of 2022-23 District team. A number of Past Presidents from



PP Eddy introduced the District E-Directory, which would be an important contribution to

District 3450 in IDG Norman's year.

District events were then promoted. They include:

- RI Convention Melbourne, 27-31 May, 2023
- District Installation, 7 August, 2022
- Rotary Service Day, 31 December, 2022
- District Conference, 20-21 May, 2023

RIC Support was presented to all before IDG Norman closed the assembly.

## Love and Care from Rotary

On 9 May, 2022, P Bernard, IPP Leo, PE Rico, PP William and RotaryAnn Fanny gathered together in Sau Mau Ping in a join service project with to visit the elderly. Participating clubs for this joint service project are:

- Rotary Club of Dragon HK
- Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile
- Rotary Club of Peninsula South
- Rotary Club of Kowloon North
- Rotary Club of Homantin Hill
- Rotary Club of Peninsula
- Rotary Club of Tsim Sha Tsui
- Rotary Club of Kowloon
- Rotary Club of Peninsula East
- Rotary Club of Hong Kong North
- Rotary Club of Elite Orient

It was just one of many days where Rotarians and family gets to visit and care for those who do not stay with their children.

After the briefing session, Rotarians and their families were assigned into groups, and lists were handed out for the visit.

The bags which carries the food and supplies we distributed were heavy, weighing in around 8.5kg each. Those over the age of 90 received one more bag of Chinese mushroom.

One particular elderly lady cooked sweet potatoes and bought cakes to welcome us. Much as we like to show our appreciation by enjoying them in her presence, we kept our masks on, thanked her and took the food back to share the joy of our visit with our families.



## Junioract Club of CCC Key Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay)

The fifth board meeting of Junioract Club of CCC Kei Wan Primary School was held on 4 May 2022.

Everyone proceeded with energy and enthusiasm to plan for the upcoming service project with Little Life Warriors Society (LLWS). Due to social distancing requirements, the event had been rescheduled to 4 June 2022 and will be held online.

The duration of the online event will be 1.5 hours, with the agenda well



planned out in advance. Kids from Kei Wan and LLWS will introduce themselves to each other, followed by games hosted by Kei Wan, with ice breaking and mutual interaction in mind. Kei Wan students had carefully hand selected prizes for the online games for the

# Happy Birthday to our Splendid May Birthday Members



May 11: Rtn. John Yao

children of LLWS, which will be accompanied with souvenirs from their school and delivered to LLWS after the event.

A poster is being finalized for promotion of the event. With guidance from Junioract advisor PP Nancy, the young board learnt about branding, use of logo and communication for public image. Junioract advisor Incoming HS Bonnie took lead in helping Kei Wan in all communication with LLWS.

Board members at Kei Wan will be assigned roles as Master of Ceremony, event finance, promotion, ice-breaking online games, supplies and souvenirs, meeting minutes, and musical performance. An additional 5 students will be selected for contact and communication with LLWS children for the event.

We are very proud to have CCC Kei Wan Primary School (Aldrich Bay) as our Junioract Club, and we look forward to a happy and successful event with LLWS soon.

## Congratulations!

Catia, daughter of our Fellowship Director Rotarian Kevin Leung and RotaryAnn Catherine, will tie the knot with Eric. They will be holding a banquet on 18 September 2022 at Happy Valley Old Clubhouse, Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Congratulations to Catia, Eric, Kevin and Catherine. May Catia and Eric live happily ever after, with many blessings and fond memories from family and friends to come!

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### 28-29 May, 2022 - District Conference

There will be a total of four plenary sessions, featuring key District and RI topics, and presented by Rotarians and industry heavyweights. We will be able to make friends and witness all the good deeds of Rotarians and Rotaractors being recognized. It is a must-do experience for Rotarians.

### 1 June, 2022 - Fourth Club Assembly

PE Rico will lead his Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2022-2023 and present his plans for the upcoming year.

### 15 June, 2022 - Year End Programme

P Bernard will lead his Board of Directors to present a summary of Rotary Year 2021-2022 and share his heart and journey to all members and guests.

Club postal address	: P.O.Box 47064, Morrison Hill Post Office, Hong Kong
Meeting Venue	: Regal HK Hotel, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Meeting Schedules	: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm
Website	: http://hkie.rotary3450.org/